(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Unemployment ratio

†1030. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proportion of unemployment has been going up whereas the proportion of job opportunities has been declining in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective steps have been taken by Government for providing employment to the educated, uneducated, skilled and unskilled youth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) As per the estimates available from labour force surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), estimated unemployment rate as percentage of total labour force which was of the order of 1.90% during 1993-94 has marginally gone up to 2.23% during 1999-2000. At the same time estimated work force in the country which was of the order of 374 million during 1993-94 has gone up to 397 million during 1999-2000.

(c) Government is implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. These include Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SJGSY), Jawahar Gram Smriddhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Food for Work Programme. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is also being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth.

Employment status

1031. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people getting employment during the last five years, year-wise, sector-wise and State-wise;

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